

## KANSAS RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION

### AMENDED MINUTES – JUNE 11, 2021

CALL TO ORDER  
(A.)

Chairman David Moses called the June 11, 2021 meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held via teleconference. Notice of this teleconference was given to the public via the KRGC website, Public Square website, and social media. Commissioners Brandon Jones, Larry Turnquist, Kelly Kultala and Dave Myres were also present. Others present included Executive Director Don Brownlee, General Counsel Judith Taylor, Director of Administration, Audit, and Finance Brandi White, Director of Information Technology and Cybersecurity Dennis Bachman, Director of Security and Electronic Gaming, Roger Bailey, and other staff.

MOTION, EXECUTIVE  
SESSION; PERSONNEL  
MATTERS; ATTORNEY-  
CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND  
BACKGROUND REPORTS  
(B.)

Commissioner Kultala (Jones) moved that the Commission go into executive session for the purpose of discussing attorney-client privileged communications and reviewing the list of confidential backgrounds for licensing. In addition to the commissioners, those included were the executive director and general counsel for the attorney-client privilege portion, and the executive director, general counsel, and director of security and electronic gaming for reviewing the list of confidential backgrounds for licensing. The total time for the executive session was anticipated to be twenty-five minutes until 10:00 a.m. No action is to be taken in executive session, and the subjects discussed are to be limited as previously described. A full record of this motion is to be maintained as part of the permanent record of the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission. At the conclusion of the executive session, the meeting is to be continued in open session. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 9:34 a.m.

RECONVENE  
(C.)

The commission meeting returned to open session at 10:02 a.m. with Chairman Moses, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Turnquist, Commissioner Myres and Commissioner Kultala present. It was noted that the executive session ended prior to 10:00 a.m. but reconvened at 10:02 a.m. due to the delay in reopening the open session caused by the time taken to move between conference lines.

MOTION, APPROVE  
AGENDA  
(D.)

Commissioner Turnquist (Kultala) moved to approve the agenda.  
Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION, APPROVE  
May 21, 2021  
MEETING MINUTES  
(E.)

Commissioner Jones (Myres) moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2021 meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION, APPROVE  
CONSENT AGENDA  
(F.)

Commissioner Myres (Turnquist) moved to approve the consent agenda (four items). Motion carried 5-0.

LOTTERY GAMING  
FACILITY  
REPORTS/ITEMS; BOOT  
HILL CASINO & RESORT  
(G.1.a.)

Diane Giardine, General Manager, reported:

BHCR experienced its best month on record in May, breaking the highest month record set in March 2013. Twenty-six (26) percent of staff has been with the company eight years or more.

- May 2021 revenue numbers compared to May 2019:
  - Total gaming revenue up 24.61%
  - Total slot revenue up 26.72%
  - Table games revenue up 0.79%
- May promotions:
  - Continuity gifts
  - Weekly Kiosk Games
  - Mower Mania Giveaway (riding mower every Saturday)
  - Memorial Day Free Play Frenzy, May 30 & 31
  - Cowboy Café remains closed. Space will transition to a VIP dining area, overflow seating for Firesides, and meeting space. A fall opening is planned.
  - DC Law Arena Football
  - Lee Brice May 14
  - DC High School Graduation May 22
- June promotions:
  - Continuing continuity gifts and Kiosk Games
  - Summer Grillin' Giveaway
  - Father's Day buffet & Free Play Offer, June 20
  - Legends Only exclusive event for VIPs, June 27
  - DC Law, June 5 & June 24

- DC Gamblers vs. Lawrence Admirals June 12
- Blue Oyster Cult July 9
- DC Days Concert – Chris Lane, Tyler Farr, Adam Doleac – July 31
- Jeff Dunham October 22
- Boot Hill Casino’s COVID-19 precautions and the impact on staff and patrons

LOTTERY GAMING  
FACILITY  
REPORTS/ITEMS; KANSAS  
STAR  
(G.2.a.)

Jeff Babinski, Vice President and General Manager, reported:

- May 2021 revenue numbers compared to May 2019:
  - Admissions down 34.29%
  - Total gross gaming revenue down 16.6%
  - Slot coin-in down 14.2%
  - Table games drop down 4.28%
  - Table games hold down 4.83%
  - Poker room is now closed. Space has been reopened as a non-smoking slot section with 58 slot machines.
- Events and Promotions, May & June:
  - Wichita Flea Market, May 15 & 16
  - Wichita Force Football, May 1 & 8
  - Mulvane High School Graduation
  - Kansas High School Rodeo Championship, May 28 & 29
  - Southern Plains Wrestling, June 4 & 5
  - Wichita Force Football, June 12
  - Wichita Flea Market, June 19 and 20
  - Wichita Force Football, June 21 and 26
  - Clint Black, August 27
- Kansas Star Casino’s COVID-19 precautions and the impact on staff and patrons

LOTTERY GAMING  
FACILITY  
REPORTS/ITEMS;  
HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT  
KANSAS SPEEDWAY  
(G.3.a.)

Rick Skinner, Vice President and General Manager, reported:

- May 2021 revenue numbers compared to May 2019:
  - Total gaming revenue down 7%
  - Slot revenue down 1.7%
  - Table games revenue down 40.7% due to COVID restrictions
  - Poker room remains closed. Hollywood has hired back its poker room manager and will reopen with twelve tables.

- Events and Promotions:
  - Tier Renewal Drawings on Saturdays in June
  - Partnership with Sporting KC with park, eat and play
  - June 4 Traveler's Club Luggage Giveaway
  - June 25 \$40,000 mycash Giveaway
- Hollywood Casino's COVID-19 precautions and the impact on staff and patrons

LOTTERY GAMING  
FACILITY  
REPORTS/ITEMS; KANSAS  
CROSSING CASINO  
(G.4.a.)

Jeff McKain, General Manager, reported:

- May 2021 revenue numbers compared to May 2019:
  - Admissions down 25.5%
  - Net slot revenue up 4.3%
  - Coin in down .1%
  - Table games drop down 20.7%
  - Net gaming revenue up .3%
- Events and Promotions in May:
  - Casino Hot Seats Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Point Multiplier Kiosk games, every Tuesday
  - Camp 49 Hot Seats and lunch specials, every Wednesday
  - Casino Hot Seats, every Thursday
  - Casino Hot Seats, every Friday
  - Bank Buster Progressive Drawings, May 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Casino Gift Day every Saturday
- Events and Promotions in June:
  - Casino Hot Seats every Monday in June
  - Point Multiplier Kiosk games, every Tuesday in June
  - Camp 49 Hot Seats and lunch specials, every Wednesday
  - Casino Hot Seats, every Thursday
  - Bank Buster Progressive Drawing June 25
  - Prize Wheel promotion, Friday June 4, 11 and 18
  - Casino Gifts every Saturday
  - Live show in the Corral June 26
- Kansas Crossing Casino's COVID-19 precautions and the impact on staff and patrons

COVID REPORTS (G.)

Monthly COVID reports will be discontinued for all casinos effective for the July 23<sup>rd</sup> commission meeting.

COMMISSION ITEMS –  
OLD BUSINESS  
(H.1)

Brandi White, Director of Administration, Finance, and Audit presented an update on the proposal for the Kansas Greyhound Association (KGA)

to administer the greyhound registry for calendar year 2021 that was tabled at the May commission meeting. Julia Ward, representing the KGA, was available for questions, and Jim Gartland from the National Greyhound Association commented.

MOTION – KANSAS  
GREYHOUND  
ASSOCIATION 2021  
CONTRACT (H.1)

Commissioner Turnquist (Jones) moved to approve renewal of the KGA greyhound registry contract for calendar year 2021 with no funding provided by KRGC. Motion carried 4-1.

COMMISSION ITEMS –  
NEW BUSINESS  
(I.)

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS  
(J.)

There were no public comments

STAFF REPORTS  
(K.1.a and K.2)

Judith Taylor, General Counsel, reported on the Voluntary Exclusion Program statistics for the month of May 2021.

Executive Director Brownlee reported:

- Barring any decline in the COVID recovery, June will be the last remote commission meeting.
- Sine Die came and went with no effect or changes to any KRGC interests.
- Most casino COVID restrictions have been lifted. They will continue doing the cleaning exercises that were started with the onset of COVID. Masks are optional but casinos will post signs suggesting that masks are encouraged for those patrons not fully vaccinated. Casino employee exposures are negligible as previously heard in the casino reports.
- State offices in Topeka will return to normal operations on June 14<sup>th</sup>. KRGC may have a few employees that will continue to work remotely if they have a need to do so and their position allows for that.
- KRGC has reserved two conference rooms on the fourth floor of the Eisenhower State Office Building (ESOB) (Auditoriums A & B) for a July 23<sup>rd</sup> in person meeting to allow for social distancing.
- Meeting time for the in-person July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting was discussed. A 10:00 a.m. start time was agreed upon, with a remote option available for July on a trial basis.

MOTIONS ON LICENSE  
APPLICATIONS  
(L.1)

Commissioner Turnquist (Jones) moved to *deny three* license applications and *approve the remaining 127* license applications from the June 11, 2021 list of background reports referred to the commission for action. The motion carried 5-0.

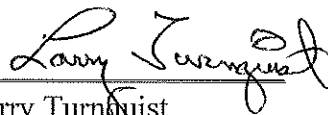
OTHER BUSINESS  
(L.2)

There was no other business.

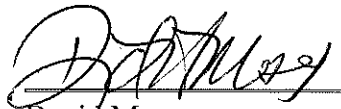
ADJOURNMENT  
(M.)

The next commission meeting will be on July 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., in-person at the Eisenhower State Office Building in Topeka, KS. Commissioner Myres (Kultala) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

  
Larry Turnquist  
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

  
David Moses  
Chairman